

# MORSELS of WIT & HUMOR

## Took a Bite in the Dark.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer:  
A young man whose work keeps him downtown until the early morning hours usually reaches home with a sharp appetite. His mother, an indulgent mother, too, puts a little lunch out where he can get it, but this frequently fails to satisfy him. His wise parent knows this and she saves the larder from a wholesale onslaught by locking things up.

Now, if there is one thing in particular that this youth dotes upon it is jelly. But jelly is an article of food that takes time and still in its preparation, and if the lady left her jelly jars at his disposal—well, there would be none to dispose of after a few mornings. So the jelly is locked up the tightest of all.

The other morning the youth let himself into the house just as the gray streaks of dawn were cross-barring the eastern sky. There was milk and bread awaiting him, but his soul craved for jelly. He determined to hunt for some. Taking a slice of bread and a knife he stole down cellar and searched the fruit shelves. What happiness! He dimly made out the outlines of a jelly jar. Was there any jelly in it? He dipped in his knife and felt the soft and quivering mass. What a joke on his usually careful mother. She had actually forgotten to turn the key on this treasure.

He drew out a generous quantity and carefully spread it on the bread. He had to do it largely by guesswork, because the cellar was almost totally dark. When the spreading was done he smacked his lips lightly and took a generous bite.

No, it wasn't jelly. It was soft soap.

## Impressionism.

D'Auber—This is my portrait of Miss Nurox, just finished. What do you think of it?

Friend—Ah! Regular summer girl pose. Rustic seat, white lace gown and even a caterpillar on her neck. Jove! That's a great touch of realism.

D'Auber—Caterpillar? Stupid! That's a diamond earring—Philadelphia Press.

## Work Their Way Everywhere.

Enthusiastic blue ribbonite, collecting materials for her next lecture, to brewer's drayman—Er—i understand there are some men in your calling whose sole liquid nourishment consists of a quart of beer a day. Is that correct?

Drayman—I shouldn't be at all surprised. These temperance fellows is n-creepley into every line nowadays.—Punch.

## Faded Emma Cures Dyspepsia.

The Boston baby fretfully refused to eat the baked beans.

"What!" exclaimed the mother, "do you wish to grow up andyapepie, like your Uncle John of Boston, Pa.?"

The child was suddenly silent, but manifestly much impressed. It was more than likely that his natural habit of interpretation would serve to let him right without further objective influence.

## From a Wife's Diary.

"Ah, me!

"Yesterday my husband exclaimed 'Parfait!' at golf.

"This evening he has just exclaimed 'Hoot, mon!' at my fete champetre.

"How humiliating to be married to such a clod of a man, with no soul, none of the finer sensibilities!"—Detroit Journal.

## IN THE CONSERVATORY.



Lena Poulm—You put your arm around me so gracefully.

Otto Liket—Before falling heir to my fortune I was a conductor.

Lena—What line?

Otto—Belt line.

## Forty vs. Adulteration.

"My love for you," he cried passionately, "is pure—pure as the driven snow."

"Let me understand you," she said. She was visibly touched and yet one must be so careful. "Do you mean city or country snow?"—Philadelphia Press.

## Shrewd Casey.

Costigan—Casey hasn't drank a drop since he took out the accident policy.

Cassidy—Why?

Costigan—He sez he's noticed that it's always sober men that gets hurted.—Judge.

## HE WAS A GENIUS.



"They say my cousin is a wonderful doctor."

"You bet he is! I swallowed a nickel the other day and he made me cough up \$2."

## Couldn't Make It Out.

Billy—You say I was born in London, papa, but where was mother born?

Father—In Liverpool.

Billy—And where were you born, papa?

Father—In Glasgow.

Billy—It's very strange, papa, that we three should have met.—Pick-Me-Up.

## Her Curiosity.

Mrs. Hoon—They say that Mrs. Swiftsmith is greatly troubled with insomnia.

Mr. Hoon—Yes; I understand that she discovered the fact a week ago that her husband talks in his sleep and she hasn't slept a wink since for fear of missing something.—Tid-Lit.

## Designing Woman.

Mr. Newlywed—You never call me pet names now unless you want something. Before marriage it was different.

Mrs. Newlywed—Oh, no! Before marriage I called you pet names because I wanted you.—Judge.

## Working for Sympathy.

Ragged Robert—Wot ye doing? Moidy Mike—I'm layin' wid my head in der sun, so's to get meself sunburnt.

"Wot's th' game now?"  
"There's a temperance feedin' place around th' corner, an' th' redder a man's nose is th' more symperthy he gets."—New York Weekly.

## Unnecessary.

Mrs. Climson—Here, Willie, while I am away I am going to give you the key to the pantry just to show you that I can trust you.

Willie, proudly—I don't need it mamma. I can pick that lock any day.—Life.

## Kind of the Kid.

Jones—Come, be honest; when you have to walk the baby don't you swear a little?

Smith—Possibly, but then the baby makes such a noise with his crying that nobody can hear me.—Boston Transcript.

## Peculiarly Safe.

Watts—Do you really believe anyone will ever invent a perfectly safe locking machine?

Potts—There are dozens of 'em now. They can't get high enough in the air to be in any danger.—Indianapolis Times.

## Proof.

Tess—He is a very intellectual man. Jess—What led you to think that?

Tess—I judged so from his talk.

Jess—What does he talk about?

Tess—He always talks about how intellectual he is.—Philadelphia Press.

## Not Certain.

He—Nothing could ever come between us, could it, dear?

She—I can't think of a single thing, unless I should happen to become engaged to some other man.—Harper's Bazar.

## His Full Name.

Magistrate—What's your name?

Inebriate—Smith.

Magistrate—What's your full name?

Inebriate—That's the name I always given when I'm full.—Standard Times.

## The World's Petroleum Supply.

Statistics show that the United States and Russia are between them producing in round numbers 120,000,000 barrels of petroleum per year, and that the production of outside countries has of late increased so much that they are able to contribute enough now to bring the world's aggregate annual production to about 150,000,000 barrels. It is well known that the production of Russia is much less now than it might be, owing to the lack of enterprise of the people and to inadequate transportation facilities.

## Nobility of Ascent.

If there be no nobility of descent, all the more indispensable is it that there should be nobility of ascent—a character in them that bear rule so fine and high and pure, that as men come within the circle of its influence they involuntarily pay homage to that which is the one pre-eminent distinction, the royalty of virtue.—John Stuart Mill.

God's music will not finish with one time.—Sir E. Arnold.

## ANARCHY THREATENS CHINA.

Unless Ministers Enter Soon Into Conference

## AND ARRANGE FOR PEACE.

Delay Causes Worry—United States Minister to Be Told to Hasten Matters—Boxers Receive Orders to Kill All Foreigners.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The government is making every effort to induce Minister Conger, and through him his colleagues of the diplomatic corps in Peking, to come to an agreement that will insure the initiation of peace negotiations between China and the powers. Considerable dissatisfaction is felt here over the delay in beginning the peace conference, and if the government has not already done so it is probable that Minister Conger will be made to understand that the failure to open up the negotiations is very displeasing to Washington authorities.

The official advice received in Washington concerning events in Peking indicate that the foreign ministers are more deeply engrossed in arranging a comprehensive punitive program than they are in removing the menace to the peace of the world which lies in the postponement of the negotiations with the Chinese plenipotentiaries. It is the opinion of the very highest officials of the government that, unless the ministers enter soon into formal conference with Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, China will become involved in the throes of anarchy.

Men prominent in the official circle here hold that the Chinese situation has not passed the critical stage. They say that China is in a chaotic state. Everything concerning the future is uncertain, and the unruly element, realizing this, is ready to make more trouble. A speedy settlement of the existing difficulties, they hold, is the greatest assurance of peace. There is no violation of confidence in the statement that Minister Conger and his diplomatic colleagues are being criticised in government circles for giving too much attention to the matter of reprisals and not enough to the more important matter of beginning the negotiations for peace.

## Orders to Kill Foreigners.

London, Oct. 30.—The correspondent of the Morning Post at Paoiting, wiring Oct. 30, says: "The Boxers declare that the provincial treasurer has ordered them to kill all foreigners. He allowed eleven Americans and four British to be massacred."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Express claims to have authority for the statement that when peace is restored Russia will hand to its owners the railway from Tong Ku to Newchwang.

Whole Mukden District Mined.  
St. Petersburg, Oct. 30.—The Russian sappers who were employed to dig out and destroy the mines at Mukden, official dispatches say, found the whole district mined, and it was only the unexpected arrival of the Russians that prevented wholesale destruction. A special commission was appointed to investigate. The dispatches also say that the provincial treasurer escaped, and that the Chinese guerrillas had been looking extensively, their booty including the Manchou throne, extensive libraries and colossal archaeological objects, all of great value.

## ALVORD IS CAPTURED.

New York Bank Employee Has Been Arrested in Boston.

Boston, Oct. 30.—Cornelius J. Alvord, Jr., the embezzling note teller of the First National Bank, New York, was arrested at South End today.

Alvord took his arrest very quietly. It is learned that he arrived in Boston last week and went to the Hotel Touraine, but did not register.

On Wednesday he engaged a back room on the second floor of a lodging house on Huntington avenue, near West Newton street, where he went under the name of Mr. Smith of New York.

Alvord was for many years a trusted employee of the First National bank of New York, and it was only by accident that the discovery was made that he had systematically robbed the bank, securing a total of \$630,000.

## Fatal Wreck in Montana.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 30.—The east-bound Northern Pacific passenger train was wrecked eight miles east of Livingston, Mont., about midnight by a broken rail.

Eight persons were killed and 21 wounded.

Among those killed were:

WILLIAM REIFRATH, express agent at Billings.

DR. HAWTHORNE.

GUS DIEDRICH of Livingston.

THE TWO MISSES TRACY of Bozeman.

Three others whose names cannot be learned.

Among the badly injured was Sheriff Hubbard of Yellowstone county, who had both legs taken off.

Details of the accident are still meager.

## Losses at Poker Cause Suicide.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 30.—Louis Fisher, aged 35 years, and unmarried, vice president of the Helena Cab company committed suicide here today by shooting. Heavy losses at poker are supposed to have been the cause. He was an Elk and well known through out the state.

## MINERS RESUME WORK.

Nearly 150,000 Men Take Up Their Tools Again.

Hastleton, Pa., Oct. 30.—Striking coal miners to the number of almost 150,000 resume work this morning. The miners' demands have been conceded by almost all the operators. The owners of a few small mines still hold out, but with these exceptions the resumption is general through the anthracite region.

The Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company, operating the Audenreid, Honey Brook and Green Mountain collieries in this district, the largest company now holding out, will, it is said, comply with the demands of the men by November, when work will be resumed.

During the great labor battle now closed, there has not been a break in the men's lines, and up to the time their modified demands were granted, they were constantly adding to their strength. There has been little dissension among the idle miners, though vast sums in wages have been lost and there has been very little violence. President Mitchell and the executive board of the United Mine Workers visited Pittston yesterday. They were received enthusiastically by a large crowd. Addresses were made by President Mitchell, Fred Diller and others. Mr. Mitchell told the miners to go to work today. He also congratulated them on their good behavior during the strike.

## DESERTER LEADS REBELS.

David Fagin Is General in the Filipino Army.

Manila, Oct. 30.—A civilian launch towing a barge loaded with merchandise near Arayat was attacked by a force of 150 insurgents under David Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth Infantry. The American troops on hearing the firing turned out in force before the boat could be looted and captured.

Fagin, who holds the rank of general among the insurgents, has sworn special enmity toward his former company. Of the twenty men he captured a month ago seven have returned. One was killed in a fight, his body being horribly mutilated. Fagin sends messages to his former comrades threatening them with violence if they become his prisoners. It was Fagin's men captured Lieutenant Frederick W. Alstetter, who is still a prisoner.

While scouting near Looe, a detachment of the Twentieth and Twenty-eighth regiments, under Captain Beigler, were attacked by 400 insurgents armed with rifles, under the command of a white man whose nationality is not known to the Americans. The insurgents for the most part were entrenched.

## Scouting Detachments Attacked.

After an heroic fight Captain Beigler drove off the enemy, killing more than seventy-five. The fight lasted for two hours. Captain Beigler and three privates were slightly wounded and two of the Americans were killed.

## Revising Customs Tariffs.

The Philippine commission has decided to compile the revised Philippine customs tariffs from its own investigations, assisted by the report of the army board. The result will be forwarded to the United States for publication and discussion among those interested in foreign commerce. When the details appear to be satisfactory an draft has been approved by the secretary of war, the commission will promulgate it here as a law. The measure has taken on a new and international commercial interest, and the course of the commission is heartily commended here.

## WHO BOUGHT THE CH ORAL?

Missing Link in Chain of Evidence Against Paterson Murderers.

New York, Oct. 30.—The only link that seems to be lacking in the chain of evidence against the alleged murderers of Jennie Bosschietter, the Paterson mill hand, is the identification of the purchaser of the drug. There is no question that she died from the effects of chloral poisoning, but it is not known where the drug was bought or by whom it was obtained.

The police say that they know McAllister tried to get a bottle refilled at Kent's drug store on the evening of the tragedy, and they say that they have the affidavit of one of the clerks there that he refused to sell chloral to McAllister on that night.

The police have been canvassing the list of McAllister's friends in drug stores. There is no law in New Jersey against sale of chloral.

## Hogs Attack a Child.

Wymore, Neb., Oct. 30.—While playing in her father's yard at Burchard, a small town east of here, the 3-year-old daughter of Frank Hart climbed over into a hog pen in which there were several large hogs, and before she was rescued the hogs had attacked her and so badly mangled her that she will die. Her arms, face, body, and lower limbs were so badly lacerated that it was difficult to recognize her. Her clothes were all torn from her body, and had not Robert Shear happened along and rescued her, she would have been devoured by the hogs.

## American Ship Missing.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 30.—No news concerning the American ship Wachusett was brought by the steamer Gaetic from Honolulu and in consequence the hope of the ship ever reaching her destination is less than before.

The Wachusett is now 163 days out from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Kahului and 90 per cent reinsurance is offered upon her.

## CASTORIA COUNTERFEITERS.

Their Factory Unearthed and the Manufacturers Arrested—A Warning to Imitators.

The Centaur Company of New York city, manufacturers of Castoria, recently learned that their well known preparation was being counterfeited in St. Louis, Mo., and that worthless imitations were being sold.

After a careful investigation by Chas. H. Fletcher, president of the company, it was learned that a preparation in imitation of Fletcher's goods was being prepared by the Palestine Drug Company of No. 107 South Second street, and sold by a few druggists. Warrants were sworn out for the imitators. Yesterday John Bick, president of the offending company, and Benjamin Chireau, chemist for the concern, were arrested, but later were released on bond.

The cases will be tried before Judge Clark of the Court of Criminal Correction. The Centaur Company has determined to protect the public from worthless imitations of their goods.—St. Louis (Mo.) Republic, Sept. 30, 1900.

The Kentucky legislature sent the non-partisan election law, passed by it on the 20th to succeed the Goebel law, to the governor on the 23d, and adjourned sine die.

Thoughtful people are realizing more and more the folly and danger of taking into their systems strong cathartics and poisonous drugs, and for this reason Garfield Tea—which is a mild but potent laxative, composed entirely of HERBS—has taken the highest place in the esteem of the medical profession and conservative people throughout the world. It is a positive cure for Constipation and Sick Headache.

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Reform in an ship that is always on the verge of starting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallows, of Peckham St., Globe Village, Fall River, Mass., have cause to thank Dr. Greene's Nervura for restoring to health, and probably preserving the life of their little son. Almost from infancy Everett Hallows was troubled with indigestion and nervous troubles, and nothing seemed to help him. Finally Dr. Greene's Nervura was recommended and tried with success. A few bottles were sufficient to effect a cure, and to-day the little one is enjoying the best of health. By the use of Dr. Greene's Nervura the sickly child was transformed into a happy, hearty, robust boy.

## Dr. Greene's Nervura for the Blood and Nerves

Thousands of other children can thank Dr. Greene and his wonderful remedy for the strength and health they enjoy. Children to whom it is given have less sickness, better health, better growth, and longer and more vigorous lives. Parents should realize that it is their duty to give it to every child who is not in perfect health. There are no diseases more dreaded by parents than fits, epilepsy, and St. Vitus' dance. Yet no child would be troubled by them if Dr. Greene's Nervura were given when the first symptoms appear.

Charles L. McBay, a highly esteemed police officer, who resides at 14 Myrtle St., New Bedford, Mass., says:

"About two years ago my little daughter became run down in health and suffered from St. Vitus' dance. Soon after she was prostrated by rheumatism, which severely affected her low limbs.

"After trying various remedies, without obtaining relief, she began taking Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and experienced immediate benefit. She continued its use, and after taking five bottles her rheumatism was practically cured. Her appetite returned, her pains disappeared, she was again able to walk without lameness, her general health was restored, and she was able to attend school and to play like other children."

Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, is the prescription and discovery of the well-known Dr. Greene, of 35 West 14th Street, New York City, who is the most successful specialist in curing all forms of nervous and chronic complaints, and he can be consulted in any case, free of charge, personally or by letter.